13. Salt producing State Governments have been requested to identify more areas for salt production and to assign such areas to the new entrepreneurs; and

14. Exploitation of natural salt deposits in the Greater Rann of Kutch in Gujarat is being explored.

Exhibitions-cum-sales arranged by DSIDCO

1494. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of exhibitions-cum-sales arranged by the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation during the last three years; and

(b) what are the figures regarding expenditure on these sales and earning through them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) DSIDC organised exhibitions during the last three years as follows:

S. No.	Year	No. or Exhibition
1	1988-89	15
2	1989-90	16
3.	1990-91	14

Figures of year-wise expenditure and earnings through these exhibitions are as under:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Expenditure	Earnings
1988-89	3.28	6.77
1989-90	3.50	7.10
1990-91	2.79	4.50

Reduction in prices of newsprint

1495. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to reduce the hike in the prices of newsprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to ensure that the small and medium newspapers are net forced to lose their publication?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) In so far as the prices of indigenous newsprint are concerned, there is, at present, no statutory control thereon. However, any revision in the prices of indigenous newsprint is kept under ex-port periodic review by Government. As regards the prices of imported newspint, these are fixed quarterly by the Newsprint Price Fixation Advisory Committee represented, among others, by Newspaper Industry. It may also be mentioned that while considering the problems of the newspapers industry, Government response is determined by its overriding concern for a healthy growth of the Press.

Blending of all edible oils

1496. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any suggestion from consumers for blending of all edible oils and their sale by vanaspati makers as Oil in loose condition as is being done for milk by various Government agencies in Delhi, Calcutta elsewhere through Public Distribution System; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the sale of various other oils such as mustard, coconut, groundnut, soyabean, til oils continue to be sold in pure form to ensure consumers choice on healt and other grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.